

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 9 have been cancelled. Claims 2 and 3 have been amended and claims 10-11 have been added. Claims 2-8 and 10-11 remain. No new matter has been added.

The objections and rejections shall be taken up in the order presented in the Official Action.

1. The specification currently stands objected to since FIG. 7 fails to use element number 700 identified in the specification.

A replacement drawing sheet adding element number 700 to FIG. 7 is enclosed herewith.

2-3. Claim 9 currently stands rejected for allegedly being anticipated by the subject matter disclosed in U.S. Patent 5,841,810 to Wong (hereinafter “Wong”).

Claim 9 has been cancelled without prejudice.

4-5. Claim 1 currently stands rejected for allegedly being obvious in view of the combined teachings of Wong and the Examiner’s Official Notice.

Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice to secure to quicker allowance of claims 2 and 3.

6. Claims 5 and 6 currently stand rejected for allegedly being obvious in view of the combined teachings of Wong, the Examiner’s Official Notice, and U.S. Patent 5,617,450 to Ballard (hereinafter “Ballard”).

Claims 5 and 6 have amended to now depend from claim 2, which has been rewritten into independent claim format since the Official Action indicates that claim 2 would be allowed if

rewritten into independent claim format.

7. The indication that claims 2-4 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten into independent claim format is noted and appreciated.

Claims 2 and 3 have both been rewritten into independent claim format.

8. The indication the claims 7 and 8 are allowed is noted and appreciated.

For all the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-7 and 10-11 is hereby respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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